

- 4) ~~Allow and Encourage~~ Support additional housing construction and density when appropriate, based on the nature and size of the lot and its surroundings and a thorough analysis of pedestrian footprint, traffic, and impact on parking.
- 5) Encourage contemporary design that respects surrounding context yet differentiates itself as belonging to the period in which it is being designed.
- 6) ~~Sustain the vitality of the commercial environment of Cambridge Street by preserving architecturally significant or original building fabric. When this is not possible or appropriate, support creative, contemporary design for storefront alterations and new construction.~~ Revitalize the commercial environment of Cambridge Street by preserving or restoring architecturally significant building fabric. Where such fabric no longer exists, support creative, appropriately-scaled contemporary designs for remodeled storefronts and in new construction. Maintain consistent height for of storefronts to match existing average heights and proportions.
- 7) ~~Encourage higher density projects on Cambridge Street, especially in mixed-use buildings, and support existing and future residential uses there.~~ Protect significant buildings on Cambridge Street while supporting construction on open lots and underdeveloped sites as allowed by zoning.
- 8) Encourage trees and greenery (especially vines and pergolas, typical of the history of the neighborhood) while limiting new impervious paving to enhance the landscape amenities and mitigate negative climate impacts on the neighborhood. Encourage maintenance preservation of brick pavers and stone retaining walls, as well as historic lighting fixtures such as gas lights. Promote the addition of public occasion for seating (ex: benches) both as a symbol of how the streets used to double as backyard and enhance the opportunity for neighborhood interactions. Encourage provision of public amenities such as benches and street trees.
- 9) Encourage low fences to protect views of houses and through yards, while permitting flexibility to enhance privacy and minimize the adverse visual effect of trash containers and mechanical equipment.

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